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Memorandum

TO: Operations Committee

DATE: September 7, 2012

FR: Executive Director

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RE: Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) Tow Procurement – FY 2014

The Freeway Service Patrol (FSP) program releases a procurement every two years for approximately half of its 36 beats. In the last round, the procurement process shifted from the traditional negotiated Request for Proposal (RFP) to a 3-step qualification process and low bid selection. This new Request for Qualifications Bid Invitation (RFQBI) qualifies interested tow contractors through experience and inspections and then solicits bids from qualified contractors. The contractor submitting the lowest responsive bid for a particular beat will be awarded the contract. The RFQBI has proven to streamline the procurement process by eliminating subjectivity and encouraging greater competition to increase cost effectiveness. At the end of this month, MTC SAFE intends to release a similarly structured RFQBI for the 16 beats shown in the attached map.

The FSP program is continually evaluated by the FSP Partners (MTC SAFE, Caltrans, and CHP) to ensure that services are provided where needed and that resources are utilized effectively. Staff does not anticipate major changes to the RFQBI and if any, they will reflect necessary strategic improvements from benefit-cost analysis, assists and Caltrans Performance Monitoring System (PeMS) statistics, and statewide trends.

Four-year tow contract recommendations will be brought to this committee for approval in January 2013 for service that will commence in July 2013.

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Steve Heminger

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Freeway Service Patrol - Beats up for Bid

